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OUR NEW UNIVERSITY

Dr. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, addressing a body of students said: "The distinction between the East and the West, and between the Western United States and Europe is that in Harvard, for instance, all effort and loyalty are for Harvard; in Wisconsin all effort and loyalty are for the State. Harvard is justified by Harvard. The University of Wisconsin is justified by what it does for the State, the people of Wisconsin." This reported saying of Dr. Van Hise is significant of the democratic spirit which is beginning to appear in our Western universities. For three centuries the large Eastern colleges in the United States and Canada have been the main centres of learning. The light has become radiated, and many smaller colleges have been founded—some by religious denominations, some by private benefaction. But it was a more democratic institution that the people desired; a university for the people which they were willing to support and call their own. Now, in the United States, from the Ohio to the Golden Gate, there are fifteen of these new democratic universities, and in point of attendance there are 16,000 more students enrolled than in the fifteen Atlantic seaboard universities. This is the new West! We, as students of Western Canada are very fortunate. We live in the "Last Great West," and we are living at a time when this wave of educational reform is passing over our land, resulting in the founding of our Western Provincial universities. But why this phenomenal growth of interrelation between the University and the State, and how are the people of Manitoba to benefit by our Provincial University?

These "new" universities are deeply rooted in the past. They are the crown and summit of public educational life. In them you find Oxford, Paris, Leyden or Edinburgh refitted to meet the needs of a thriving Western community. They aim to bring education within the reach of all—in some cases providing free tuition. By a process of extension work they have taken the education to the people. At the head of the educational system of the Province, they crown and complete the public school system. The same tax supports both high school and university, establishing a spirit of virtual unity between them. With a large income they have brought within reach of all the citizens of the State, at a nominal cost to them, every kind of higher education which is required for the best civilization of the age. They have stimulated the other colleges to a higher standard of attainment, and have been responsible for many reforms in co-education.

In view of what these democratic universities have accomplished in their comparatively brief

history, would it not be well to turn to our own Province and see how the foundations of our Provincial University have already been laid? A look into the dim past will show that our University has graduated over 2,000 students in Arts, Law, Medicine, Architecture, Engineering, Pharmacy, and Agriculture. One of our statesmen has truly said, that "A university is largely made up by the character of the staff and the students, and with the outgoing from our University of students, young men and young women, with qualifications to give them a place in the world, there will be established in Manitoba a *bona fide* University even better than could be made possible through all the wealth of the Orient. We are proud of our alumni. They number among them the most prominent men in the West. One of them is today president of the University of British Columbia. Our student enrollment stands fourth highest in the Dominion. From an examining board in 1881 there has grown a complete faculty of almost 50 members of whom the students are justly proud.

No University has become strong without passing through dark days. Think of the University of Chicago, forced to discontinue its work in 1886 owing to a series of financial difficulties, yet that same University in 1901 had a staff of 296 instructors and 3,520 students. Our University has come through dark days, but they are significant of brighter ones to come. A wave of educational reform is sweeping our Province, and the government has taken an active part in solving our vexed accommodation problem. The Freshman class in Arts is the largest in the history of the University. The press and the people demand that Manitoba be no longer behind her sister Provinces in providing higher education for her youth. Almost in a student generation we have seen the creation of a Provincial Agricultural College which is said to be the finest of its kind in the world. We have in our University attributes that time alone can bring. We have faith in our legislators, faith in our faculty, faith in our alumni, faith in our present student body to co-operate in this great and fertile field and rear upon the already solid foundations the new Provincial University of Manitoba.

C. V. McArthur, B.A. '15.

Editor's Note.—Articles on "The University Situation in Manitoba" will be acceptable to the Editor and are certainly timely, as the political changes recently taking place in our Province may effect the University question and pave the way for many needed radical changes. Let us hear from some others on this question.

INITIATION AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

T. Watson Kirkconnell

Customs die hard, and the practice of putting every proselyte to higher education through a lively initiation is likely to fool the undertaker for a long time yet. The proverbial, and all too real, freshness of the neophyte must be sternly dealt with and the older players in the game of knowledge deem it their duty to show him that, whatever his own beliefs in the matter, he is still far from fit for the major pundit leagues.

In this, Queen's University is quite orthodox. Here, as elsewhere, each Fall sees a new mob of perky youths fresh from the two-by-four halls of our secondary schools, where mamma's boy was the last word in great men, goal-tender for the Mudville hockey team and valedictorian of a matriculation class of three. Here, too, each Fall sees quiet steps taken to welcome the nervy innocents whose bearing on first arrival grates on the grave souls of the sages. The Sophomore class rummages its Rugby togs from the bottom of the trunk and the year-treasurer is called upon to blow two dollars on binder twine. Events are coming if shadows count for anything.

The second week of work begins and through the college post office filter polite invitations to an informal little reception on the campus. Another sun rises; the festal day has come. Nine a.m. drifts around but professors must spout at empty benches. Every male student is either in costume for the performance or has reserved a seat in the bald-headed row. Every co-ed in registration is sitting in the gods at the windows facing on the campus. The chorus lines up for action at either end of the stage. Cha Gheill? Up goes the curtain and down comes the Assyrian, his cohorts gleaming with purple and gold—and red (for no Asiatic ever had anything on the Queen's sweater.) For fifteen or twenty minutes little can be seen but a tossing, squirming potter of legs, arms, and heads. The reception committee is at work. Chaos slowly gives way to cosmos and at last the restless guests are calmed down and made to feel at home. Their awkward limbs have been gently tied back into order and their weary bodies laid to rest on the grassy lawn.

The treat now in store varies with the faculty. In the Science and Med. rushes a holiday trip is in line. In Arts, an indoor programme is put on.

In the former case the callow ones are decked out for their parts by the thoughtful sophomores who rouge their pale cheeks with Sherwin Williams paint, shampoo them with boot blacking and end up with a generous sprinkling of flour as talcum powder. Thus tricked out, the Freshmen, too handsome to be known by their own mothers, are seated upon spacious drays and given a free ride around the city streets, a worry for the cops but a circus for the small boy.

In Arts, on the other hand, the lawn social is followed by a high and solemn council of judgment. A vast and gloomy hall is lined with rows of ghostly forms. At the end of the room a forbidding figure robed in sombre black sits in state on a rude throne. Beneath him three others, scarcely less fearful sit in grim silence. But in the basement below,

herded in a dark and narrow cell, a drove of Freshmen waits fearfully for doom. A call comes from above and a luckless youth is haled forth and vanishes amid the shivers of his fellows who feel like prisoners in the Conciergerie (A.D. 1793) watching their comrades summoned to the guillotine and dreading lest their turn should be next. One by one the little band melts away and all that comes back to comfort the survivors is the muffled sound of mocking laughter.

Far be it from me to reveal to the "profani" the secret doings of the most high council. Whether their victims ride a sacred goat or sing squeakily strange songs of ritual, whether they take swimming lessons in the holy pool or kneel in terror before a savage executioner, whether they drop, meteor-like, from the skylight into a blanket or repeat awful oaths to the ghost of the great skid himself—these questions must go unanswered.

Suffice it to say that as an outcome of these mystic orgies the Freshman class rise sadder and wiser men on the morrow. Their coxcomby has died out and in its stead has come something better. They have "found themselves" and their place. No longer are they merely Freshmen; they are fully initiated members of the great university brotherhood, humbled a bit perhaps, but realizing that they have a part to play and learning to work, cheer, and fight for their Alma Mater.

MODERN FABLE OF THE COLLEGE BOY

Ambrose was the son of a plough-pusher. He lived in the country and the rooster was his "Big Ben." His father was not only editor of the *Homeville Bugle*, the best and only paper in the municipality, but he was also reeve of the place. It was some town, having running water in the river, and its streets paved with glass. At the little red school house Ambrose was three floors above the class and nearing the roof. Spelling down all the school on Friday p.m. was like being late to a 9 o'clock lecture. At night he concentrated on his books and burned much midnight oil. In the Fall he finished and waiting till the day when the train stopped, said "so long" to fresh eggs and toddled to the big town.

In the city Ambrose got a hall room in a prune distributor and enlisted in the University. He was now a college boy and had peg-tops with trimmings and lots of buttons on his togs. At noon he bought meat pies at dairy lunches and always took away a toothpick. Ambi was now a sport. He had his farmer's specials shined weekly by a Jack Johnson and he often washed his celluloid neck-piece. At lectures Ambi held down the front pew and his Waterman worked overtime. In the evening he walked through the forum with Cicero and burned more midnight oil.

One day while dashing to absorb his noon-day nectar, Ambi espied Percy Lotacash, his classmate, riding in the newest thing in joy carts. Envy arose within him and he resolved to get next to Percy and his four-wheeled chariot. This done, he could get his face printed, while posed in the perambulator

and ship some back to Homeville. But would Geraldine know him with a collar on?

At last Ambrose made the acquaintance of Percy and often went riding with him, on which occasions he fussed up and donned his button boots which had bull-dog toes and squeaked like a front door in Winter. Oft-times they were accompanied by the other sex and Ambi lost his shyness and even talked about the weather. They went out quite often in the evening and the women called him the cut-up making him swell up with pride. His school books soon got dusty and now Cicero roamed about the forum alone. He was out so much that he paid his light bill with green stamps and was awakened every day by the noon whistle. No more did Ambrose burn the midnight oil that moths fly around—his was now the kind that worries the traffic cop.

Such is the fable of the College Boy, the moral of which is found in the question—Which oil are you burning?

R. S. Joy, *Architecture*.

FROM REVEILLE TO TATTOO

It is six o'clock. The orderly officer is up and in the lines to see that reveille is sounded. The bugle blares and the bagpipes play. Eight heads peep over their woollen parapets. A cup of coffee and a biscuit is served. A black charcoal fire is lighted. We drink and dress and shave as waves of heat and pillars of cold seem to grapple in the dawn of an October morn.

We roll up four blankets in a rubber sheet—our combination springs and mattress. Our tent flaps are rolled. Our kit bags replenished with their unfailing stores—our lines are ready for the adjutant's inspection.

"Come to the cook house door, boys," the bugle sounds at 7 a.m., and we comply with the first duty of a soldier. We have our own company cook-house and our quota of kitchen fatigues, who serve us in the modern cafeteria style as we form "lines of companies in ones." We proceed to our long tables. The orderly sergeant calls "Att-en-shun"—and for two seconds the mighty god Epicure is severely snubbed. The orderly officer calls for complaints, and we, having no more to ask for and he having no more to give, a chorus replies in an indignant negative manner, and we are asked "to carry on" with our bowl of cereals, our toast and bacon and mug of coffee.

The quarter dress is sounded and we are lined up as platoons for inspection as to boots, buttons, faces and rifles to be ready as a battalion on our parade ground at 9.30. Reported present and towed by the adjutant to the officer commanding, we are detailed for physical drill with and without arms.

At 9.30, when we have waved our rifles to the music of the band with various genuflections and manifold contortions, we "double" a mile and march away as a battalion to our training area for squad, platoon, company or battalion drill.

Between 12 noon and 2 p.m. there is one parade, and that is once more "to the cookhouse door," this time to regale ourselves with soup, beef, potatoes, bread, butter and tea, when we again declare we have no complaints.

From 2 to 5 we have extended order drill, field operations, etc., and at 5.30 we answer the barbecue call.

This time jam is added to the menu, and anything that is lacking to Egyptian feasting is made good by the twilight visits to the canteen.

At 6.30 "Retreat" is sounded, from which time till first post—9.30—we visit the theatres, play baseball, football or spend the evening in meditation.

At 10 p.m. the orderly sergeants give in their tattoo reports when all are accounted for and "lights out" is sounded at 10.15. This routine is intermingled with route marches, night operations—such as building, defending or taking trenches, with camp field days and sham battles.

Sometimes as we develop a successful attack and are about to wipe out a battalion of infantry after hours of patient waiting, under perfect fire discipline, headquarters rally is sounded and we gang awa' hame in column of route, our tired limbs roused by the band.

We are taken in turn for camp duties, for fatigue, guards, etc. "We are a part of all that we have met," and to paraphrase further, all our experience is an aid where they all realize as much as we can here, that still untravelled theatre where all our previous training is merged in the reality of war.

The army, too, has its "ups and downs." We have our trying moments even in training, but a beautiful light of laughter shines through it all, like the sun turning dullness into brightness.

Donning the khaki to the recruit is like bringing plants out into the sunlight, where though rooted in the rocks of military discipline, he reaches out into a new liberty of duty and devotion.

It is the private soldier that makes the army. For him the rations are drawn. For him the long day's training is established. It is by his arm that the fight is kept up; by his skill with rifle and bayonet that a position changes hands; his pluck, endurance and determination that causes the enemy to give way. He is proud of his uniform. "He that hath it is clad in complete steel."

Wellington once said: "I often make mistakes, but I rely on the valour of my men to pull me through." In Canada the voluntary system works like a leaven throughout the troops, giving that moral—that unbending spirit which, as Napoleon said, is to the physical as three to one.

Tommy Atkins.

Ed. Note.—Tommy Atkins is a "Manitoba" boy now at Camp Hughes.

SOME AXIOMS FOR FRESHMEN

1. Do not come to College with the idea of remodelling College life to suit your own ideas. It is suicidal.

2. Do not offer suggestions to your senior classmen. You are apt to get snubbed.

3. Attend all meetings, College functions and athletic competitions.

4. Do not attempt to express your opinion too frequently in meetings.

5. Above all things, be loyal to your College, and do your utmost to bring honor to it. Support her organizations and do all you can to create College spirit.

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She—"Why do they paint the inside of a chicken coop?"

He—"To keep the hens from picking the grain out of the wood."

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EDITORIAL



Manitoba University student life and activities have so long been composed of a number of separate colleges, each self-centered and *A Plea for More Unison Among Our Students* self-contained, that it is hard to break away from the old feudal system of a number of warring student bodies. Manitoba University being so far removed from any sister institution has precluded the possibility of the uniting of the students in inter-university competition along the various lines of sports and literary activity.

Consequently the only avenue of development of these has been by competition among the affiliated colleges making up our heterogeneous University. The result has been an overdevelopment of the college spirit at the expense of the University spirit and a self-centering of all student action and thought that makes for selfishness and limitation. We must strive to break away from this and to view all things in relation to what is best for all.

Last year there occurred the first inter-university track contest between the Universities of Manitoba and North Dakota. It is to be hoped that this will become an annual fixture and that some arrangement may be made to include the University of Saskatchewan also. Another factor having an influence on united University activity is the publication of *The Manitoban*, and it is the sincere wish of the staff that the students will realize that *The Manitoban* is to be what they make it and that the students will use freely the columns of the paper. We trust the University Students' Council may also become a force making for united action along many lines, and there are many questions which might well be dealt with by such a body.

It is to be hoped that the added accommodation afforded the University this term will allow of the arranging of student meeting rooms and reading rooms on a scale more adequate to the needs than the one room obtained by the Students' University Council last term.

The University Dramatic and Debating Societies are another avenue of united student activity, and

we trust that this term shall see them more successful than ever before through common enthusiasm and assistance from all.

Would it not be a good idea to supplant the old system of raids on one another on Hallowe'en by a well arranged union University students' fete into which all the individual colleges shall put their quota of ideas and vim? This should be an annual affair to look forward to.

Can we not arrange a University night each week at one of the best skating rinks, when University students alone shall be admitted?

There are many things in which the University students should act as a whole, and *The Manitoban* stands ready to be your servant in the expression of your views and ideas on this or any other matter. Let us think less of the individual college and more of the University.

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The outlook for our paper for this term is at present bright, and with the help of the students we trust it will become brighter as the term *The Outlook*. progresses. Perhaps, some of you will be surprised to see in print in this issue articles which had been refused publication. Now we will let you into a little secret. These articles are perhaps not literary masterpieces, and for that reason should be refused (?) but they are a true expression of some phases of student thought, and have got "the punch" which many like, and because they appeal to many, such articles will be welcome to *The Manitoban* this term. Don't imagine the lid is off and that *The Manitoban* will publish anything received, but we have removed a few bolts from the lid that it may not be so tight.

We want to make *The Manitoban* palatable to you all and we welcome any suggestions you may have as to the method of preparing the feast. Some spice will be required to flavor to taste and some good solid food to give support and strength to the diet. We are neither vegetarians nor epicures.

We need the individual support of all, and we believe we are justified in demanding it. Ask "the kicker" if he has subscribed, and, if so, has he voiced his complaint to the staff and been turned down. A certain kind of criticism is good; it is constructive, but much is destructive. Which is yours?

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On another page there appears an article on "Initiation at Queen's." The question of initiation is a vexed one at the present time in our *On Initiation*. University. The ruling seems to have swung from one extreme to the opposite, and it is to be hoped that some intermediate arrangement between hooliganism and bodily injury on the one side, and ice cream and cake and "Do you take cream and sugar?" on the other, can amiably be arrived at.

Perhaps part of the trouble has come from too great consideration for the tales of woe brought by the outraged (?) Freshmen. The writer was a victim of the worst initiation pulled off for years, and is proud of it, and would choose it in preference to a pink tea initiation again to-morrow. To me it seems that some Freshmen, and Seniors also, have

not yet graduated from the infant class habit of tattle-tale.

On the other hand there appears to be among our students some living counter parts of Nero, whose chief joy it is to see the sufferings, mental and bodily, of their fellowmen who are unfortunate enough to be Freshmen. These bullies have not the wit to see when they have gone far enough, and so bring a stigma of brutality to the whole proceeding. In such cases the cure must come from within and the students themselves must put their stamp of disapproval on such people and their actions.

This remark was made by a man intimately connected with many years of student life; he said: "I never pay any attention to what one student says about another, but when I hear a large number of students knocking a certain one, I make up my mind there must be something wrong about him." The expression is true to life, and it will apply to initiations, and unless we heard a large number of a "Freshman" class complain of an initiation, we would not put much stock in the whine of one or two. And very frequently the ones who receive the stiffest measure are the ones who need it most.

Let us approach the question fair-mindedly.



It is the intention of *The Manitoban* to publish a special large issue in time to reach the students in the trenches for Xmas. We will need a great deal of material and cuts. Items in connection with our student volunteers Number will be especially welcome and extracts from letters from the "Battle Front" gladly received.



The next issue will probably contain an article by Professor Boyd, R.A.M.C., on some aspect of Army Medical Work. Watch for it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Manitoban.

Dear Sir—I note by the daily papers that the usual programme of sports is to be carried out in the University this term. Football is to commence at once, and will doubtless be followed by hockey, basketball, curling and what not.

Now it seems to me that the University students could far better be employing their surplus energy in preparing to defend their flag and nation against defeat and servitude. Athletics are all very well in their place, but is their place not secondary to national defense and preparedness at such a time as this?

If the giving up of all athletics is too large a sacrifice, could the students not be satisfied with one team in each line of sport and a single series of games and then the balance of the men and time could be spent in military drill.

It seems to me that it would show a very commendable spirit on the part of the students if instead of a football or hockey team each College would organize and drill a unit of soldiers according to the enrollment in such College. If then these units would drill as assiduously as they practise for games, a very nice competition could be

put on between the different units, and awards for military efficiency could be made by competent judges.

At such a time as this there would be more honor accruing to a college to be merely a contestant in such a competition than to be winners of any athletic event.

Yours sincerely,

S. L. F.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—In the last issue of *The Manitoban* there appeared an article from your pen dealing with the necessity of restriction in student activities. This, as you doubtless desired, created discussion amongst student readers.

Now this need has been evidenced, as you say, by poor attendance at games, and lack of interest in all departments. But what is to be eliminated; can you eliminate any branch of athletics, for instance, without interfering with the recreation of some students? Each department of our activities has its devotees and the suppression of any particular one robs certain individuals of a field of interest and pleasure without providing compensation. Our tendency seems to have been to look upon our activities in the wrong light; we have viewed them rather as ends in themselves than as means to an end. It rests with the individual as to what branches, if any, he chooses to support and so long as the students desire a variety of activities it is of little use trying to suppress them. Any department is justified, and only justified, by the individuals participating; and no department can lay claim to the support of anyone in whom it does not arouse interest. If this is right regulation and elimination are unnecessary, and when any activity ceases to attract sufficient support to justify its existence the fact will surely be apparent to the students as a whole, and without any authoritative regulation that department will cease to exist.

Regulation may be necessary, however, to prevent clashing. Your suggestion that this regulation should come from the faculty hardly seems satisfactory and is rather out of sympathy with the movement of late towards student control. A more satisfactory method might be had by placing the authority with elected representatives, preferably the Representative Council. Each organization could at the beginning of the term hand to the secretary of that body its proposed programme, and after conforming and adjusting all these programmes the council might have them referred to the students either through the organizations, or in the student body meeting. This might not provide for hard and fast regulation, but it would at least give opportunity for co-operation.

Lamont Paterson.

A maiden entered the "midnight" car,
And firmly grasped a strap;
And every time they hit a curve,
She sat in a different lap.
The hill grew higher, the turns grew worse,
At last she gasped with a smile,
"Will someone kindly tell me, please,
How many laps to a mile?"

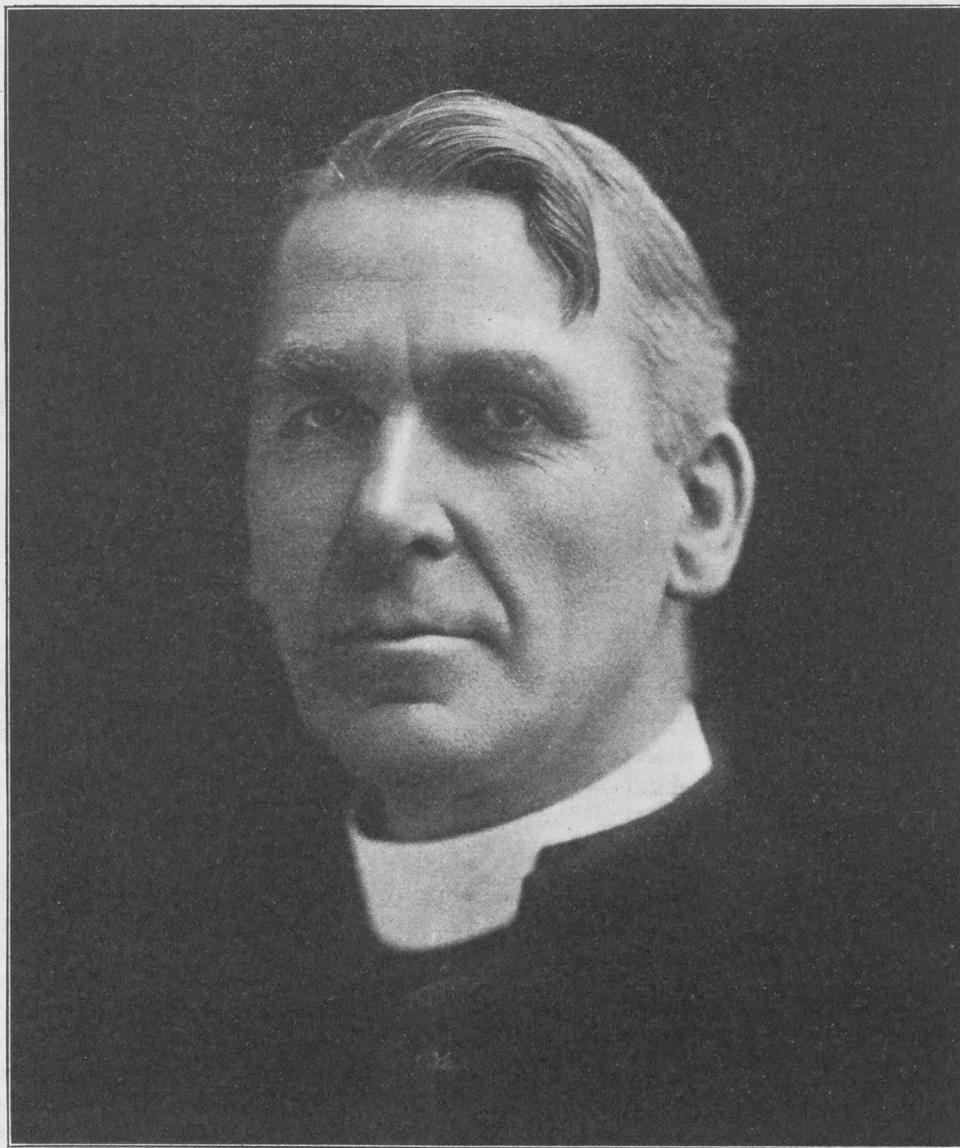
—*The Widow.*

WESLEY'S NEW PRINCIPAL

Dr. Eber Crummy, who was inaugurated Principal of Wesley College with such imposing ceremonies on October 14 and 15, is no stranger to the students of Winnipeg. Up to four years ago he held the pastorate of Grace church, and never failed to attract, week by week, a large body of students to listen to his scholarly preaching. While in the city he took a keen interest in educational affairs,

a deep interest in the work of founding the University of British Columbia, and in addition to all this he has visited as an honored guest many of the universities of the old world.

But Dr. Crummy, with all his learning and experience, has that deep wisdom which keeps him ever young in spirit. His physical frame is of ample dimensions to accord with the greatness of his soul.



DR. EBER CRUMMY

and was an acknowledged leader among the educationalists of the province.

Few men have had so wide and varied experience of universities as the new principal. Victoria and Toronto claim him as one of their most distinguished graduates in Arts. Queen's delights to honor him as a graduate in science and philosophy, and gave him his degree of D.D. For many years he was principal of a College in Japan, and received marked recognition from the government of that country. During the past four years he has taken

Two of his sons, graduates of our own University, are serving the Empire in the trenches at the front. "Bill" is remembered as Wesley's Senior Stick of 1913, and "Dick" made his mark as a leader in dramatics.

The Manitoban has pleasure in joining in the cordial welcome that is being sincerely extended to the distinguished scholar and educationalist who has come to join the circle of our University.

A.W.K.



THEOLOGY

TO STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

In this the first issue of *The Manitoban* for the year 1915-16, we take the opportunity of calling upon you all to co-operate with us in making the Theological Department of our University chronicle a great success.

Without the practical sympathy of the entire student body we can only give our second best to the editor and his staff of workers. This we feel is not the will of any student. From the Freshmen to the graduating classes we shall give but one support—and that our very best. Responsibility, then, rests upon every student, and all, without exception, must feel that regular monthly contributions are as essential parts of our academic duties as the presentation of exercises in Greek, Hebrew or Systematics.

The task which *The Manitoban* faces is not an easy one. It is twofold in purpose.

The Manitoban stands as the great unifying factor in the life of the University.

It seeks to bring together every department of study and activity, and by so doing to create a condition of unselfishness by impressing the great fact that although students are working in different branches, the object in all cases is the same, in whatever department, that of producing a competent and thorough life dedicated to the service of the whole human society.

Its second purpose is to give an immediate ministry to the people of Manitoba.

The Manitoban presents the one opportunity for the student body to express itself collectively to the citizens of Manitoba who, by their daily toil, provide the funds needful to the maintenance of the University work. Do our men realize that it is our pleasantest, but most pressing, duty to pass some word of grateful acknowledgment and help to the little world of workers which makes our institution possible?

The people should expect from the University a more immediate return than the looking forward to careers of usefulness in its students. They should want to know the students in all their boyish activities. How? The answer is simple: Through the students' medium of self-expression—*The Manitoban*.

It is the part of all undergraduates, then, to send contributions to the paper, contributions possessing youthful vitality, enthusiasm, strength, beauty and sympathy, and charmed, too, with an addition of fun and frolic which drives away for a time the cares and anxieties of the arduous.

It is the will of the whole staff that *The Manitoban* be looked for in every educated home in the Province, and valued in the hearts of the citizens as a

paper that can hold its own in the long list of useful periodicals published today.

Will every Theological student come forward with his loyal support?

James M. Wilson,
Editor Theological Department.

INDUCTION OF REV. J. W. MacMILLAN, D.D.

On Friday evening, October 8th, a very interesting meeting was held in the Convocation Hall of Manitoba College. It was the occasion of the induction of the Rev. J. W. McMillan by the Presbytery of Winnipeg into the chair of Social Ethics and Practical Theology.

Dr. MacMillan comes to Manitoba from Halifax where he held a pastorate. But he is no stranger to the city, for a few years ago he occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church of this city.

The chair of Social Ethics has just been instituted, and it may be said that Manitoba is the first Canadian Theological college to advance so far along the line of progress as to appoint a professor to teach in this department alone.

These two things, then, the formation of the new chair, and the acceptance of Dr. McMillan to occupy the position, had filled the heart of Dr. Baird with utmost satisfaction. He was certain that a man who had spent so many years of his life studying social conditions, who possesses such all-round qualities of mind and heart, would be a great benefit to the men preparing for the ministerial calling.

The meeting of Presbytery was well attended by friends of the College. The present writer does not remember so large a gathering of the public to a College function.

Dr. McMillan, having been given the charge, was called upon to address the assembly. He did so, speaking upon the "Business of Preaching."

His lecture, couched in beautiful, flowing language, filled with apt illustrations, was greatly appreciated. He spoke of the amazing rate at which the world was becoming socialized, and this was due in no small measure to the earnest endeavors of the ministers. The true preacher is not merely a man of letters, but a man of personality who voices his true convictions.

ST. JOHN'S NOTES

On Friday, October 8th, the Rev. Canon Howitt, of Hamilton, Ont., who has been conducting a parochial mission at St. George's Church during the past two weeks, gave a most helpful and inspiring address in the College chapel. He spoke on the subject, "The Lord's Prayer" and gave us

some beautiful thoughts. We all very much appreciate the address.

The St. John's College Church Society held its opening meeting of this term on Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Several important matters came up for discussion. The Rev. W. A. Wallace was elected secretary for the ensuing year, in place of Mr. W. A. Fyles, who had enlisted for active service. Several Theological students enlisted during the Summer and we shall pray that God's guiding hand may ever be over them. Special intercessions on behalf of our King and soldiers are held daily in the College chapel at 1 p.m.

The St. John's College Missionary Society held its first meeting on Friday, October 1st. The new constitution was passed and the society is making every effort to have a successful year. Associate members are now admitted.

All of the Theological students are now back from their Summer missions and have settled down to the routine of College life. There are several new students and we extend to them a most hearty invitation to take part in all Theological activities.

MANITOBA NOTES

Manitoba students began work on Tuesday, Sept. 29th, with an enrollment as large as last year.

This session sees the commencement of a new course designed to fill the place of the Minister-Evangelist Course.

About ten years ago the General Assembly prepared a short course of study to fit men of advanced years in the work of the ministry and place them in needy districts in the fast-opening Northwest. The programme of studies included two years in Arts followed by three years in Theology. This training was to be continued with a probation of four years under the Home Mission Committee. The new special course requires three years in Arts and three years in Theology, but the third year in Arts may be combined with the first and second years in Theology, making it possible to graduate five years after matriculating. This course gives full status to the candidate for the ministry, and as such ranks as an alternative to the regular B.A. course.

The student body takes this opportunity of welcoming the Rev. Dr. McMillan to the College. We trust his stay here will be full of happiness and his work amongst us successful to the highest degree.

We extend our best wishes to Mrs. McMillan, too, and trust that her residence in Winnipeg will be the happiest and most inspiring portion of her life.

On Tuesday last the Theological Club held its first meeting of the session. The programme for the ensuing year was considered.

The student body regrets that Mr. Finnemore (second year Theology) has been unable to join us through sickness. He is expected back at College early in November.

The Students' Sunday Supply Association held its Fall meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14th. Mr.

F. Shallcross was appointed to act on the committee until Mr. Finnemore returns to College and is able to fulfil his duties on the board.

The Rev. H. J. Robertson, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, addressed the meeting, and outlined in brief the proposals of his associates for the supply of country mission fields during the winter, and for the social work among the non-English speaking residents of Winnipeg.

Marriages

On September 8th, Rev. Geo. Gough, '15, was married to Miss Bessie Mae Armstrong.

On October 5th, James Savage, B.A., was married to Miss Jean Wilson.

Births

To Rev. D. J. and Mrs. Ferguson, a son.

INTERCOLLEGIATE Y.M.C.A. NOTES

The outlook for a full programme of Y.M.C.A. activities is excellent. The fact that fourteen of our Winnipeg students attended the annual Western Students' Conference at Lumsden Beach, Sask., July 29 to Aug. 5, will mean much to our work this year. Herbert Jackson has been elected president of the Intercollegiate executive committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the fact that W. Burton Hurd is acting as Y.M.C.A. secretary with a battalion of soldiers at Port Arthur. A. A. J. Carruthers will take Herbert Jackson's office as secretary-treasurer.

The Bible study committee has adopted the group system of study, as this has proven most workable in former years. The course of study adopted is Oldham's "Studies in Mark."

Dr. Thos. H. Billings is leading the Normal Class for group leaders. Groups are being formed in all Colleges. After February 1st the committee plans to have the groups study social conditions in non-Christian countries. This present period of world commotion has done much to arouse interest in the problem of christianizing the whole world.

The Intercollegiate Settlement House is located at 156 Austin street. The students who live there have already enlisted thirty students to assist in service in the North End of the city. Students interested in social service work are invited to live in the Settlement House. Further details can be secured from Mr. Dayton, Intercollegiate Secretary, 301 Vaughan street.

The University sermon, by Dr. Crummy, on the subject, "Bible Study," on Oct. 10, was much appreciated by a large body of students. Dr. Crummy dealt with many passages that the average student does not easily interpret.

Although our ranks are somewhat depleted by enlistment, the interest of the men who are in College is greater in the fundamental things of life. The time is surely opportune for the development of the higher personality of all men.

"What do you charge for your rooms?"

"Five dollars up."

"But, I'm a student —"

"Then it's five dollars down."

V.W.A. TRAMP

On Thanksgiving Day about fifty of 'Varsity's fair Co-Eds. set off on a long tramp along the banks of the Red River. Dressed in short skirts, stout walking boots, sweaters and close fitting hats, the girls met at the College, from where, laden with the "eats," they boarded a street car for Elm Park. Arrived there, they crossed the bridge and walked along the bank until a suitable spot was found to pitch camp. A large fire was made in a sheltered hollow, and, when the "hares" and "hounds" returned from the "paper-chase," they saw delicious "weiners" frying in the pans, coffee boiling in the kettle, apples ready to be baked, and marshmallows toasting. Seated around the fire, singing old-fashioned songs, the girls watched the beautiful sunset, and not until the evening star had made its appearance, and every girl had made her wish, was a start made for home.

A great deal of the enjoyment of the afternoon was due to the ingenuity of Helen Rattray, whose skill at inventing novel ideas was again demonstrated; and to the efforts of Marjorie Horner and her able helpers.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

Y. W. C. A.

Before the college term opened the membership convener and her committee procured the names of intending students from the Registrar. Friendly letters were written to these girls that they might feel that friends awaited them on the threshold of college life. Following close upon this the convener of the committee, Marjorie Mackay, '17, gave a tea in honor of all "Freshettes" at her home. Here opportunity was given for everybody to meet and talk to everybody else.

Soon after the opening of college a large reception was tendered by the executive. To the large gathering of girls the honorary president brought helpful and hopeful greetings, the membership convener outlined plans for a membership campaign, and a unique plan for systematic giving in aid of missionary funds was also listened to with marked interest. A musical programme was greatly enjoyed while the Freshettes went about asking the names of the old girls and guessing their academic year, and when their guess proved correct, recording the names in a dainty booklet done in University colors. Dainty refreshments were disposed of by happy, chattering groups.

The splendid interest taken in the setting up conference of the Y.W.C.A. heralds a very successful year under the leadership of Katherine Greenbank and her energetic executive. This conference, which was held the second week-end of the college term, provided a varied programme, as the work of nearly every department was mentioned in some way, for the activities of the Young Women's Christian Association, indeed, cover a vast field. The distinguishing feature, perhaps, was the large place taken in it by our professors, who brought us many encouraging messages.

After such a splendid beginning, it was only to be expected that the first regular meeting would be a success and an inspiration. Dr. Bland gave one of his usual up-to-date talks on "Study of the Bible." It was a most opportune talk, as the girls hope to have Bible study groups in full swing before very long. Altogether the note of optimism seems to be the keynote of our University Y.W.C.A.

Miss Emily Kelsey has been added to the staff of *The Manitoban* as Lady Editor. Her appointment was too recent to allow of her contributing to the present issue; but we feel sure, with your help, she will add much to our paper in those which follow.

TO A SEA-GULL

Securely poised on thy pinions strong,
Seeming scarce to move along,

With eye alert and mobile head,
Thou scour'st the sea for thy daily bread.

Down to the floor of the mighty deep,
Anon thou dipp'st with graceful sweep,
Only, with a stroke of thy broad white wings,
To soar again on the breeze that sings.

Swift and sure, without compass or guide,
Thou wing'st thy way o'er the waters wide;
And when thou'rt weary, thou sink'st to rest
With perfect trust on the ocean's breast.

O, strong white bird! Could we but fare
Along our way through this world of care
As serene as thou through the depths of space,
Then were this earth a brighter place!

*Geo. Fairleigh,
Lake Superior, August, 1915.* *St. Boniface*



A STRAIGHT LINE OF TALK



The chief sporting event of the season so far has been the University Field Meet, held at the Exhibition track, on Oct. 16th.

The weather was perfect and a fair crowd was in attendance. The various events were run off in good order by the officials in charge and dinner was served on the grounds by the Y.W.C.A. Considerable disappointment was felt that the militia team composed of University students in training at Camp Hughes was unable to get permission to be present and compete. Had they been able to do so, the results would undoubtedly have been different, made up as this team was of Rice, McLean, Finlayson, Verner, Nason, Robinson and Henderson.

New records were established in the pole vault and discus. Mihaychuk vaulted 9 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and Bardal heaved the discus 110 ft. 3 in. Some new athletic stars were discovered—Bryers, Tobias and Mihaychuk being new winners this season, and Ben Murray also showing promise of class. Henry, Bryers and Tobias are tied for first place with nine points each.

The results of the different competitions were:

Shot Put—Bardal (Med.), 36 ft. 2 in.; Fleming (Law), 35 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Backman (Med.), 33 ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Half Mile—1, Bryers (Var.); 2, Hillhouse (Var.); 3, Snyder (Wes.). Time, 2 min., 11 2-5 sec.

High Hurdles—1, Fleming (Law); 2, Henry (Law); 3, McMillan (Var.). Time 17 min. 2 sec.

Broad Jump—1, Wessels (Var.); 2, Henry (Law); 3, Murray (Wes.). Distance, 20 ft. 6 in.

440 Yards—1, Byers (Var.); 2, Hillhouse (Var.); 3, Murray (Wes.). Time, 54 3-5 sec.

220 Yards—1, Tobias (Var.); 2, Halstead (Wes.); 3, McMillan (Var.). Time, 23 4-5 sec.

High Jump—1, Henry (Law); 2, Jackson, (Wes.); 3, Dyma (Var.). Height, 5 ft. 5 in.

Mile—1, Bryers (Var.); 2, Long (Var.); 3, Snyder (Wes.). Time, 5 min. 22 sec.

Low Hurdles—1, Fleming (Law); 2, Tallin (Wes.); 3, McMillan (Var.). Time, 27 2-5 sec.

Hammer—1, Backman (Med.); 2, McMillan (Var.); 3, Bardal (Med.). Distance, 86 ft.

Pole Vault—1, Mihaychuk (Var.); 2, Henry (Law); 3, Nason (Militia). 9 ft. 9 in.

100 Yards—1, Tobias (Var.); 2, Murray (Wes.); 3, Christy (Law). 10 3-5 sec.

Discus—1, Bardal (Med.); 2, Murray (Wes.); 3, McMillan (Var.). 110 ft. 3 in.

Relay—1, Wesley (Gardner, Murray, Halstead, Tallin); 2, 'Varsity (Tobias, McMillan, Kennedy, Wessels); 3, Medical (Popham, Bermack, Williams, Pritchard).

Football

The Annual Meeting of the Intercollegiate Football Association was held in the University annex, Wednesday evening, Oct. 13th. Delegates were present from 'Varsity, Law, Wesley, Medical, St. John's, Schools and Agriculture. No delegates were present from Pharmacy or Engineers.

Officers for the season 1915-1916 were elected as follows:

Hon. President—Dr. McLean.

President—S. Gardner.

Vice-President—T. Fleming.

Secretary—C. Abbott.

Treasurer—Mr. Wickett.

On motion by Williams, seconded by Abbott, it was unanimously decided to seek affiliation with the Manitoba Football Association, and to secure the services of qualified referees from the Referees' Association for the senior games.

The arranging of the schedule was left with the executive with the recommendation that the first games be played Oct. 23.

The question of the eligibility of graduates to compete was left over until the next annual meeting, and the present ruling extended to that time.

It was decided to allow, for this season, students of Manitoba Theological College, who are also registered as 'Varsity students in Arts to play with 'Varsity College.

The meeting then adjourned.

Senior Football Schedule

The schedule for the season's intercollegiate soccer games was drawn up Saturday evening as follows:

Oct. 23—'Varsity vs. Agricultural at Manitoba; Law vs. St. John's at 'Varsity; Wesley vs. Medicals at Wesley.

Oct. 27—Law vs. 'Varsity at Wesley; Agricultural vs. Wesley at Agricultural; St. John's vs. Medical at St. John's.

Oct. 30—Wesley vs. St. John's at Wesley; Law vs. Agricultural at 'Varsity; 'Varsity vs. Medical at Manitoba.

Nov. 3—Wesley vs. 'Varsity at Wesley; St. John's vs. Agricultural at St. John's; Medicals vs. Law at 'Varsity.

Nov. 6—'Varsity vs. St. John's at Manitoba; Agricultural vs. Medical at Agricultural; Wesley vs. Law at Wesley.

Nov. 10—Agricultural vs. 'Varsity at Agricultural; St. John's vs. Law at St. John's; Medicals vs. Wesley at Wesley.

Nov. 13—'Varsity vs. Law at Manitoba; Wesley vs. Agricultural at Wesley; Medicals vs. St. John's at 'Varsity.

Nov. 17—St. John's vs. Wesley at St. John's; Agricultural vs. Law at Agricultural; Medical vs. 'Varsity at 'Varsity.

Nov. 20—'Varsity vs. Wesley at Manitoba; Agricultural vs. St. John's at Agricultural; Law vs. Medical at Wesley.

Nov. 24—St. John's vs. 'Varsity at St. John's; Medical vs. Agricultural at Wesley; Law vs. Wesley at 'Varsity.

Sport Notes

The tennis courts at Wesley and Manitoba grounds seem to be well patronized and the idea

occurs to some of us that it would be a good idea to arrange an Intercollegiate tennis series or tournament. There are many enthusiastic tennis players who do not take part in other lines of sport and would welcome such an innovation.

The football meeting made a good move when they decided to secure professional referees for the senior games, and it would have been better still had they included the junior games also. Most of the bickering and delay and dissatisfaction at our games in the past has come from inefficient officials in charge.

The football meeting has shelved for another year the question of the graduate participating in football games. The chief reason for the shelving seems to be that there are no prospects of the rule being made use of this term. This question will require to be settled and settled from a broad-minded standpoint, and it seems to me the only way to settle it is not to compromise at all but to lay down one rule for all: "That no graduates shall be allowed to take part who are not actual students of the institution they represent." There is no more reason why a house surgeon of the Hospital should be barred than there is that an Arts or Agriculture professor or demonstrator should be barred.

Would it not be better for sports and give the students more chance of a place on the teams if football were confined to students only? Let's have this question discussed fully.

It is to be hoped the new arrangement for football officials at the senior games will have the effect of getting these games started on time. The spectators would greatly appreciate such an innovation.

There was one thing which was brought home to the students at the Field Meet last Saturday, and that was the fact that in track events it is practice which counts. As I overheard one spectator say: "What do you know about Bill Tobias; I never thought he could run; why, I used to beat him myself." I suppose the speaker did not think that his speech condemned himself for not being still able to do it. If a great many of our students had the ambition and pluck to train hard they might be on the inside of the track instead of outside looking on. The credit which is due a winner is not for his win but for the hard, consistent work which put him in shape to win.

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A STUDENT'S PIPE DREAM

During the vacation of 1913 two Medical '16s were engaged in teaching among the foreigners of Northern Saskatchewan. One of them, thinking that the effects of the wilderness life had begun to prey fatally on the mind of his classmate, penned the following to his memory. Can you beat it for originality?

THE WANDERER

Hippocrates, pater noster, tuning harpsichords on high—
Turn thy acoustic apparatus, peel thy somnolent eye—
Raise thy ponderous capitatis, heavy with the lore of years,
Hear my earnest supplication; see my anguish and my tears.

Is there any balm in Gilead? Tell me truly I implore—
Escharotic, soporific, any aloes Barbadoe;
Is there any panacea in the whole Materia Med.—
In the air and sky above us, forest, mine or river bed—
That can save a soul from Brandon, from the place which
Dante saw,
Save another soul from going to perdition "a la Thaw?"

Ah, the symptoms are distressing, sadder sight were hard to find,
All the madness of the ages working in one human mind—
Cerebellum effervescing, cerebrum like soda pop—
Steam and hot air, circulating, much inflate the cranium top;
Fasciculus cerebro spinalis decussated much too high—
Optic Thalamus migrated to aqueductus cerebri,
Hydrocephalus indicated or intra-cranial hemorrhage;
All the organs of anatomy on the war path and rampage.
Hippocrates, pater noster, primus Doc of history—
Let thy mantle fall upon me, help me rescue poor F.P.

Once he was the pride of College, tall and stately, full of grace,
When he moved, flowers grew before him, heavenly music
filled the place;
When he spoke the planets lingered and the stars came out to
hear;
When he sang, 'twas as the music of some celestial choiring
sphere (?)
Nymphs and mermaids, angels, fairies, watched around his
bed at night,
And his mind was pure as snowflakes, and his soul was just
as white.
In the glory of his manhood, in his grand sublimity—
When the Second Year was over, we parted from our dear F.P.

But the bitter isolation out among the Doukhobors—
Absence from, and sad repining for the girl whom he adores,
Penned up with Galician hoboes, eating garlic and boiled kale,
Swatting flies and killing skeeters—(one long agonizing tale!)
All these wrought their work of havoc on his great Encephalon
'Till his head became inflated and his reason almost gone.
Then he wrote to me a letter, weird and canny, wild and sad,
'Tis from it I make deductions, and diagnose his case as *bad*.
Hippocrates, primus Doctor, mightiest sawbones of us all,
We "beseech" thee, pater noster, hear us when we humbly call.

If within the bounds of knowledge of departed demagogues,
If within the rich experience of celestial pedagogues—
If within the sun or planets, or the starry firmament
There exists a Rational treatment based upon a precedent,
Any scheme of Therapeutics taught in elder days of art,
Any *modus operandi* that will resurrect the part—
Hippocrates, pater noster, hear us when we cry to thee,
By thy power relieve the "mentis" of our stricken friend F.P.

If among the grand old sages, who have delved and died and
gone before,
—Turner, Morris, Hunter, Taylor, Cunningham and thou-
sands more,
If among the research heroes in our universities—
Starling, Shaefer, Vincent, Evatt, and a score or more like
these,
There be found an antitoxin, opsonin or antidote,
That will cure these dreadful symptoms, whether local or
remote;
Hippocrates, pater noster, hear us when we cry to thee,
Save from his balloon ascension, restore us our divine F.P.

CAMPUS NOTES

'VARSITY NOTES

The initial social event of 'Varsity took place in Manitoba College Convocation Hall on October 1, in the form of a reception to the Freshmen Class. A novel method of introduction inaugurated by the ladies greatly aided the bashful "freshies" in filling their programmes. Upon entering the hall each gentleman was given a list of seven ladies with whom he was destined to spend the evening. The programme was commenced by Prof. W. F. Osborne, who made a few appropriate remarks. The Senior Student, W. T. Straith, gave an "Address of Welcome" in which he made the "Freshmen" feel entirely at home. He outlined the plans of 'Varsity College for the year and impressed upon them their duties in carrying out this work. The balance of the programme consisted of an enjoyable address from the Faculty by Prof. Chester Martin, and musical selections by Miss M. Horner and Miss M. Anderson. The edition of a miniature college journal was also one of the evening's features. The evening was closed by the National Anthem after refreshments had been served.

The many friends of Mr. Wyman E. Wessels will regret to hear of the death of his mother, which occurred on Sunday, October 10, after a short illness. The students of 'Varsity extend their sincere sympathy to him in his bereavement.

The call of duty has always been strong in the hearts of 'Varsity students and has claimed many of them for service at the front. The following have lately enlisted with the Strathcona Horse: J. D. Verner '17, F. Barrett '17, Bert Nason '17, S. Childerhouse '17, J. B. Fisher '17, S. Roblin '17, Norman '18, and Bloomer '18. H. P. McPhail '15 and his brother, Herbert, of the '18 Class, intend joining the 68th Battalion at Regina.

Thanks to the new Liberal Government for the lavish expenditure for one hundred feet of cement sidewalk which has been laid behind the University! May the good work continue!

Mr. R. H. Rowland, formerly of the University faculty, has gone to Moose Jaw, Sask., where he has been appointed teacher of French in the Collegiate. He will be greatly missed as leader of the University orchestra, which position he has ably filled for several years. We wish him success in his new position.

H. S. Ferguson has taken up his residence next door to the jail. Watch your step, Ferg.

Lieut. D. J. Allan has gone to England in command of reinforcements for the 79th Cameron Highlanders.

W. V. Tobias has been elected social and literary representative for 'Varsity College for the coming year. This position ranks second only to that of Senior Stick in importance, and the success of

all social functions of the College depends on this representative. We feel confident that with Bill at the head of affairs 'Varsity students will not want for social entertainment this season.

One of our professors has been impressed with the lack of "Christain courtesy and common decency" around the halls of Manitoba College. He threatens to "take a life-sized poke" at the next offender "between the eyes" and "to beat him within an inch of his life" if such "hooliganism" continues.

The Fourth Year professors think it advisable that H. Tobias should go into training at the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

Lieut. R. K. Finlayson, former senior stick, has been promoted to a captaincy in the 61st Battalion. 'Varsity students under him are: Lieuts. R. Rice, J. Henderson, Sergt. H. Rice, Corp. E. W. Walsh and Ptes. D. J. Broadfoot and G. E. Lewtas. We are looking forward to the time when this battalion is transferred to the city for the winter.

Eaton's report an unprecedented sale of neckties since Kennedy came to town.

Gainford Graeme has been engaged by the Roller Rink management to give nightly exhibitions of his hair-raising stunts on the rollers.

It is said that the Soph's are planning a pleasant surprise for the recent addition to our student body. No newspaper men allowed.

A lively and interesting Rugby game took place on Wednesday morning between Prof. Jolliffe and L. Otis. Prof. Jolliffe got the decision by points—also the ball!

The Seventeen Class has been extremely hard hit by the war, many of our strongest men having enlisted since last spring. We, who are left, feel it is our duty to show our appreciation as best we can of what they are doing for Canada and for the Empire, and at least to give them the satisfaction of knowing that we have not forgotten them.

A good example was set by our Class President, James Wherret, who, early in August, threw up his college career to fight for his country.

The Seventeens, as the athletic champions of last year, have been entirely broken up by enlistment—Jack Verner, Bert Nason, Chic Childerhouse, Sam Roblin, Frank Barrett and Garney Stuart, all of the champion Seventeen hockey team, having thrown in their lot with the Lord Strathcona Horse. Crawford, our well-known poet and playwright, is no longer concocting his fierce war ballads, but is taking a more practical part in the making of his scenes. Stuart Scott and Bob Rice have taken commissions and are now lieutenants in the 78th and 61st, respectively. Norman Thomas, Jim Kerr and Gus Yeomans will no longer have to worry over Latin sups. Their chief worry now will be to dodge the German bullets.

Here is to hoping the fellows a safe return at the victorious finish of the war.

Prof. A. B. Clarke (illustrating the Law of Diminishing Return to Land)—"We will suppose successive equal doses of capital to be applied. The doses may be anything; suppose they are five dollars."

Fowler—Somebody dose me, quick!

The world has lost one more philosopher! James Allison has given up philosophy for political economy.

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MEDICAL NOTES

The Manitoban extends sincerest good wishes for a long life and a happy one to Mr. and Mrs. David Genoff '17.

Welcome to Professor Boyd, R.A.M.C., our new histology and pathology professor.

Jack Orr, late editor of the *Horndean Prong*, is preparing a skit featuring Monk and Friesen in "The Stolen Doughnut."

No recent word having been received from the '16 boys at the front, it begins to be doubtful if they will be back as expected.

Isn't Dave Genoff the sly old fox.

If there were an intercollegiate handball tournament some of our boys might shine. But as there is not the assiduous practise of some of our athletes at this game goes for naught. Even worse, it tends to detract from more worthy endeavors along other lines.

This year's freshmen class will be noted for quality, not quantity.

Have you seen Harold Morrison in regard to your subscription for *The Manitoban*?

Medical students regret that D. W. Campbell is unable to attend this year because of ill-health, and we all join in wishing him complete and speedy recovery.

WESLEY NOTES

Inauguration of Dr. Crummy

The Convocation Hall of Wesley College was crowded to the doors on the evening of October 14th to witness the ceremony in connection with the inauguration of Dr. Crummy, our new Principal. The platform was occupied by members of the College Board. Hon. Dr. Thornton, Minister of Education, Mayor Waugh, President McLean of the University, representatives from sister colleges and denominations and the Faculty of the College.

The address of welcome to Principal Crummy was delivered by J. H. Ashdown, chairman of the Wesley College Board.

The Hon. Dr. Thornton, minister of education, was the next speaker. He dealt with the question of education in the province.

His Worship R. D. Waugh in an appropriate speech extended the city's congratulations to the new Principal. He also spoke of Winnipeg's good fortune in securing the services of Dr. Crummy as head of one of the leading educational institutions of the city.

Dr. McLean, president of the University, added his congratulations. He emphasized the fact that the educational

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process was in reality one process and that intellectual and moral development is continuous and undivided. Dr. McLean closed with an appeal for loyal support to Wesley's new head.

Rev. A. B. Baird, acting Principal of Manitoba College, extended the welcome to Dr. Crummy on behalf of the sister Colleges.

Rev. Dr. Sinclair spoke on behalf of sister denominations and expressed pleasure in having Dr. Crummy again in the city as a religious leader.

Dr. Crummy was greeted with enthusiastic applause when he rose to give his inaugural address. In a forceful and comprehensive manner he related the influence which Wesley College had exerted in regard to the University, emphasizing that it was not a competing or antagonistic agency, but was seeking to make the University conception, richer, greater and more effective. He claimed that the denominational college was making an important contribution to higher education in saving the university from a commercial influence which a provincial institution finds it difficult to avoid, and was complying with an important demand of higher democracy.

Dr. Stewart, who has been acting principal of Wesley, spoke briefly on the policy of the board to make Wesley more and more a part of the University.

He also spoke of Wesley's past and her contribution to University life.

Conversazione at Wesley

Friday evening, October 15, witnessed one of the most successful informal affairs in the history of Wesley College in a conversazione of welcome to Principal Crummy and the new professors.

A unique feature of the evening was a resolution from the pen of Dr. S. G. Bland to Wesley's boys in the trenches in Flanders, and in the various training camps in England and Canada.

Dr. Bland delivered the address of welcome to the new professors.

Dr. Bland's remarks were followed by short addresses from W. A. Carrothers, Senior Stick, and Miss Rogers, Lady Stick, who extended the welcome of the students to the new members of the Faculty.

The new professors, D. C. Harvey, B. A., professor of history; M. Stuart McDonald, M.A., Ph.D., professor of political economy; Jas. A. Spenceley, M.A., B.D., lecturer in English; John W. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D., lecturer in mathematics and science, and Skuli Johnson, B.A., lecturer in Latin, replied to the addresses of welcome. They gave all the assurance that already they had become an integral part of Wesley's life and spoke of the splendid spirit which characterized all College activities.

Mrs. Arthur Rose, B.A., spoke briefly on the work and projects of the Alumni Association, of which she is the president, while Lady Aikins extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Crummy and the other new ladies of the staff.

Refreshments and the singing of the National Anthem brought a most delightful evening to a close.

ST. JOHN'S NOTES

The commencement of the year's work has shown more clearly than ever the losses we have sustained from students enlisting for service at the front. Our athletic body suffers most in this respect, but a brief survey of the material on hand encourages everyone into feeling that

we will still remain strong enough to put up a fight for the various championships. Our football practices to date have brought forward several promising recruits and all are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to test our strength against the other Colleges.

It is to be regretted that we were not represented at the University field day, but on the whole the showing of the various aspirants for positions on the track team did not warrant our sending in any entries. In the College field events, held as usual on the College campus, the interest taken in the different events and the keen competition for the individual trophy, particularly between Nicholson and Wickens, was exceedingly gratifying to the committee in charge. Nicholson carried off the championship and with it the Schultz cup and a gold medal by amassing a total of 23 points, chiefly gained in the weights and sprints. Steve Wickens was a close second with 21½ points.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12th, the sophomores were given an opportunity of showing the esteem in which they hold the Freshmen when some twenty new men were put through the mystic rites known as initiation. They all admitted having a good time, although some of us are inclined to doubt it. However, the annual Freshmen dinner held on the following Thursday proved more to their liking. Some excellent speeches were heard, chief among which was Canon Murray's toast to the Empire and the Warden's toast to the Freshmen. All agreed with the latter when he spoke of the dewy freshness of the Freshettes, although some of his stories were positively horrifying. G. W. Dawson was not far behind the Faculty when it came to speaking, and gave one of the finest speeches of the evening. We must admit, though, that Wilbraham did not do so badly when it came to toasting the ladies. He seemed thoroughly familiar with the position of chief ladies' man.

Ode to the Freshmen:

Behold the empty numskull grand;
To call him bonehead is to put it mild;
A grinning youth, self-consciously he'll stand,
As empty as a little child.

ST. BONIFACE NOTES

Here we are, back at St. Boniface College, prepared to pass a successful year. Already all the branches of studies are well under way, and the out-door sports are thoroughly organized. Most of the professors of last year are found in their wonted places. We miss, however, a familiar form, and listen in vain to catch the accents of a voice that is stilled for ever. During the vacation, Rev. M. Fox, S.J., went to claim the reward of the faithful laborer in the vineyard. We will miss him, for he was the friend of all the boys. He was a man in every sense of the word. Scholarly and gentlemanly in all his relations with us, he completely won our respect and confidence. By his zealous and untiring efforts in the classroom, he showed that he had our welfare at heart. "Long shall we seek his likeness; long in vain."

Our new Rector, Rev. Father Fere, S.J., has assumed the duties of his office. From the very beginning of the new regime, we feel a strong hand at the helm, even in the short space of time that has elapsed since the opening of the present term; we all realize that we have found a

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friend and father in our Superior. Kindness and affability, coupled with firmness and breadth of view are the leading traits of Father Fere's character. Under his benign rule we all look forward to a happy and progressive year.

The election of officers for the recreation took place some time ago. "Doc." Doisan was made president; "Nap" La porte, vice-president, and W. Dechene, secretary.

On Thursday, the 14th October, four carloads of philosophers journeyed to Selkirk. Their stay was not permanent, however. After inspecting the St. Andrew's locks, the boys returned highly delighted with their trip.

That the Campion Literary and Debating Society is much alive this year, has been demonstrated more than once by the crowded meetings. J. Muller, O'Halloran and Kinzie are among the entertainers. It's never too late to join.

The past week has seen some exciting games in the baseball league. Muller's nine still holds place in the front row, although Messner's team is a dangerous second. To Walter and his all-star aggregation goes the undisputed right to third place. None can oust them from this fortified position.

Interest in all other out-door sport is quite transient, but the good old standby "Rugby," goes on increasing in popularity. Fr. Bradley, by his energetic and deeply appreciated labors as a coach, is developing some of the raw material into very formidable players. There is a constant tendency to "bare the arm," like Coriolanus, and say: "these wounds have I received on the field of honor."

Nor must we forget to mention that the good old game of Soccer has its enthusiastic adherents. Three strong aggregations are already organized to dispute with one another the title of champions.

THE COLLEGE "KIDDER"

Of the characteristics of the college man today, the one which is perhaps the most distinctly marked is the ability and habit of "kidding," a practice redeemed to a great extent by the training which the college man receives in learning to give back as good as he receives. A man who has spent four years in an American institution of higher education is usually prepared for practical jokes of every known species, and for "kidding," clever, asinine, subtle or painfully obvious. He is about as easily ruffled by a jest as a hippopotamus is put to flight with an airgun.

The college man is an intellectual silk-worm. About his real self, by a process of years, he has woven a thread of manner, of joke and jest, so long and deep that it is seldom that his real friends penetrate to the man within. His heart is anywhere but on his sleeve. And few would have it otherwise.

But, growing out of such an attitude towards the men with whom he comes daily in contact, the college man has reached an extreme. So long have his daily conversations and chats at the dinner table or in his study been mere "kidding matches," that in many cases he has lost his power to talk logically, consistently, upon a topic of any nature more serious than the Chicago game or the 'Varsity's chances against Penn.

Enter the House Baboon

Picture a group of men in a fraternity or boarding house engaged in talking over a matter of any importance. The conversation is becoming interesting and logical. The men are intellectually on edge. Of a sudden a rustling sound is heard. The house baboon, scenting his opportunity, utters his racial noise and swings nimbly into the conversation. Immediately seriousness is at an end. The rest of the group, from force of habit, join in with that species of comment that can only be described as "clever." The subject is forgotten.

Undoubtedly this results from one or two men, college simians whose capacity for "cleverness" is greater than that of the undergraduates with whom they come in contact, and who cannot allow an opportunity for the exercise of this faculty to go by unheeded. They have a melancholy reward. Ever, their most serious remarks are to be taken as a joke, it is impossible to look upon them seriously. The humor of the old circus conversation has its touch of pathos. "Why did Jones become a clown?" asks the tatooed man. "In college he was always the life of the party," answers the bearded woman.

Such a situation which tends towards the discouragement of any serious discussion among undergraduates is no small contributor to that intellectual slovenliness which educators declare to be perhaps the paramount problem in American universities. The average undergraduate reads what? His textbook on occasions, the *Saturday Evening Post* always, and some of the monthly magazines. The remainder of his reading course usually retails at \$1.08 per volume.

No one would ask that the dinner meeting of students should resemble an undertaker's convention. But once in a while a serious thought outside of the class room would not be amiss; a little wit could be well exchanged for a bit of real intellect.—*Cornell Sun*.

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